

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to means for enabling actuation of a pointing device and
5 more particularly a means for detecting activity of a pointing device, so that the pointing
is energized only when it needs to be in operation. The means include an activity sensor
for sensing activation of the pointing device, said activity sensor comprising a threshold
comparator, wherein the activity sensor is adapted to enable energization of the pointing
device when the sensed activation of the pointing device exceeds a threshold. The
10 pointing device is used for moving a pointer or prompt in a display, e.g. in mobile
telephone. The present invention also relates to an input device with such a pointing
device and a portable device incorporating same. The invention is directed to saving
energy in portable devices avoiding accidental activation of the pointing device and
automatic switching off to reduce the power consumption.